

Texas Point

National Wildlife Refuge

Waterfowl Hunting Regulations 2006-2007



Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge Waterfowl Hunting Brochure 2006-2007

When signed and in your possession, this hunt brochure will serve as your general permit for all refuge hunts this year. It acknowledges your understanding of the refuge regulations contained in this brochure.

Signature of Hunter

Date

Permits are required for all hunters. This permit is valid only when signed above and must be carried with you at all times while on the Refuge. Permits are not transferable.

General Provisions

The regulations listed below are a supplement to the general regulations set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations which govern activities on National Wildlife Refuges. Hunting will be in accordance with all applicable federal and state regulations.

General Hunting Regulations

Public hunting of only ducks, geese, and coots on Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge is permitted only in areas designated by signs as open to hunting. Hunters need to check area maps for location of hunting units and regulations governing hunting on them.

All persons entering a hunt area must be legally licensed to hunt waterfowl.

Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older to hunt the refuge. The hunt area will be open for the State-designated Youth Season for ducks and coots. To participate, hunters must be 15 years of age or younger and accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age. Adults may not hunt during the special Youth Season.

Hunters using the Refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, and the contents of hunting equipment, containers, vehicles and watercraft by Refuge and State law enforcement officers.

All shotguns must be unloaded and encased while in transit on the refuge. No other firearms are allowed.

Hunters must be in possession **only** of shells containing approved non-toxic shot.

Hunters must enter the refuge between 4:00 am and ½ hour before legal shooting time.

Hunting starts at legal shooting time and closes at (12:00) noon. Hunters must be off the refuge by 12:30 pm. *Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.*

Motor vehicle use is restricted to roads designated as vehicle access roads. Blocking access to any road or trail entering the refuge is prohibited.

Access into hunt areas may be by foot, non-motorized boat, outboard motor boat, or airboat. Airboats may not exceed 10 HP with direct drive with a

propeller length of 48 inches or less and engines may not exceed 2 cylinders and 484 cc. Motorized boats powered by air-cooled or radiator-cooled engines are restricted to those powered by a single engine of 25 hp or less and utilizing a propeller 9 inches in diameter or less. No other motorized vehicles permitted.

The operation of motorized boats is restricted to lakes, ponds, ditches, and other waterways. The operation of motorized boats (including airboat) on or through emergent wetland vegetation is prohibited.

Portable blinds or temporary native vegetation blinds are permitted. All blinds must be removed from the refuge daily. The minimum distance between hunt parties is 200 yards. Hunt parties will be a minimum of 200 yards from all driveable roads and buildings.

All decoys, marsh chairs, spent shells, and other equipment must be removed from the refuge daily. Use of plastic flagging, reflectors, reflective tape, or cane (phragmites) is prohibited on the refuge.

Be a sportsman and respect the right of other hunters afield. Skybusting is prohibited. Allowing birds to decoy increases your hunting success. Use of retriever dogs is encouraged for conservation of downed birds, however dogs must be under the control of handlers at all times.

Use, possession, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages anywhere on the refuge is prohibited.

Campfires are prohibited.

Some of the marsh is dangerously boggy. Alligators, poisonous snakes, mosquitoes and fire ants live in the marsh. We recommend against going into the marsh alone until you are thoroughly familiar with the hazards.

Texas Point NWR *Specific Hunt Regulations*

Hunt Days

Location

South of Hwy. 87, west of Sabine Pass Ship Channel. See map for exact location of open areas.

Non-Fee Area

Special teal season

Open daily

Regular Waterfowl Season

Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday
Closed holidays
Light Goose Conservation Order
Area Closed

Entry Time

4:00 am.

As a courtesy to others, hunters must enter the Refuge no later than ½ hour before legal shooting time. Foot access only at entrance on Hwy. 87 at the cattle walkway. Boat access only through Texas Bayou and ditches.

Special Access

Signs and Boundaries

The signs below apply to the areas behind the signs. Please respect all refuge signs whenever you see them as you travel throughout the refuge.



National Wildlife Refuge. This sign marks the boundary of the refuge. Consult refuge management for authorized activities.



Area Closed. Certain areas of the refuge are closed to visitors for management purposes. Unauthorized entry beyond this sign is prohibited.



No Hunting Zone. This sign marks the boundary of no hunting areas on the refuge. All hunting is prohibited beyond this sign.



Public Hunting Area. This sign marks the boundaries of the waterfowl hunting areas.



Waterfowl Hunting Only. This sign marks the boundaries of the waterfowl hunting areas.

Hunting on all National Wildlife Refuges is a privilege, please respect it.

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